Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 27 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 28 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 27 Jan 2022 at 03:10 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cold, showery conditions on Thursday giving way to mild, wet and very windy weather on Friday and Saturday. Low confidence for Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 27 Jan 2022: Windy with snow showers and bright or sunny spells. Bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 27 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Cloudy	Mist	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
40%	50%	30%	20%	10%	<05%

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Weather: Occasional snow showers through morning, brought in on strong to gale force westerly winds. Rain and hail will fall below around 700m. Showers will lose intensity and become more isolated through afternoon leaving a dry but largely cloudy evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% improving 60% through afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Frequency of snow showers will lead to widely very poor visibility with cloud cover variable but often down to 400m or lower. Whiteout conditions possible in heavy snow. Cloud will linger above 600m or so through evening but some breaks are likely to develop.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	41/48 W	41/49 W	32/41 W	28/37 W	21/27 W	19/23 W	19/24 SW
900	25/31 W	26/33 NW	21/29 W	20/28 W	15/20 W	13/18 W	13/18 SW
600	26/32 SW	24/31 W	19/26 W	18/25 W	12/17 SW	11/15 SW	13/18 SW
300	14/21 W	17/24 NW	13/20 NW	11/19 W	7/12 W	6/9 SW	7/11 SW
Glen	6/15 W	10/23 W	7/17 W	9/20 W	5/13 W	4/9 W	4/8 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-3/-13	-3/-14	-3/-12	-3/-11	-3/-11	-4/-11	-4/-11
900	-0/-8	-1/-8	-0/-7	0/-6	-0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-7
600	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3
300	5/0	4/-1	5/1	5/1	4/1	4/2	4/1
Glen	6/4	6/2	7/5	7/4	6/4	5/4	5/3
Freezing Level*	800m	700m	800m	900m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Friday 28 Jan 2022
Weather: An early frost under some clearer spells will give way to wet and windy weather spreading in off the Atlantic. Rain will become persistent across all areas, with Lochaber taking the worst of this. Rain turning more widely heavy through evening. Gales widespread.

Maximum wind: West or southwest 30-40mph gusting 50-60mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% pre-dawn, otherwise virtually no chance.

Low Cloud and visibility: Cloud will initially be patchy above 600m or so through the early hours, this soon thickening and becoming extensive above 500m by dawn. Cloud will lower further through the day, as low as 200-300m around Loch Lomond. Rain and drizzle will turn glens hazy and navigation will be very tricky.

Temperature: **Glens:** Around freezing under any clear spells through the early hours, soon rising 8-10 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius gradually rising to plus 4 Celsius through afternoon.
Freezing level: 800m rising well above summits through morning.

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